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June 24, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**
WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4): Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report included in FCC Form 481

Confidential Financial Information - Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("SPTC" or "the Cooperative"), Study Area Code 442143, is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket No. 14-58. The Cooperative, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report and (2) the financial annual report, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan progress report is being made pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request for confidential treatment of the

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financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's June 17, 2015 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.* These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that SPTC maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.

Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA, SPTC requests that the text and data extracted from its five-year service quality improvement plan progress report be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Cooperative keeps confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.

In accordance with Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the following information is provided in support of this request:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan progress report related to the Cooperative's access line counts, existing broadband capabilities, and current and planned financial investments in its network that will improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity for its customers.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket No. 14-58 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan progress report contains granular information on the Cooperative's access line counts and/or existing broadband capabilities as well as recent and planned capital investments in its network to

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improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity. It also contains a map of the Cooperative's service area detailing progress toward meeting broadband deployment targets at the wire center level. This is closely guarded, privileged information that the Cooperative does not make publicly available.

- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more wireless Internet service providers. Most RLECs also face competition from at least one other wireline broadband provider, such as a larger cable company, who will typically seek to "cherry pick" the lower cost portions of the study area. In addition, all RLECs face competition throughout their territories from satellite broadband providers.

- (5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan progress report would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Cooperative's access line count, its existing broadband capabilities, and its recent and planned network investments that improve service quality, coverage, and/or capacity for subscribers. This would give competitors invaluable confidential information with which to develop their own strategies for investing in the service area, thereby bringing substantial competitive harm to the Cooperative.

- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Cooperative has continually treated the extracted information in its five-year plan progress report as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors. Access to the information is limited to employees that require it and to non-employees with confidentiality obligations such as lenders, consultants, auditors, and attorneys. In addition, when such information is required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority it has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public.

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- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan progress report is not available to the public, and third-party access is limited as described in (6) above.

- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Cooperative requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. The information in the five-year plan progress report details the Cooperative's most recent network upgrades in relation to its previously submitted service quality improvement plan. It may also contain upcoming planned network improvements during the five-year period ending 2019. This information would provide a very useful baseline for competitors for several years beyond that period.

- (9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

Financial Annual Report

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). SPTC seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the June 17, 2015 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

SPTC is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 15-712 (rel. Jun. 17, 2015).

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Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

Two copies of the Form 481 filing in redacted form and an accompanying cover letter are also being provided with the confidential filing. Each page of the redacted filing and accompanying cover letter is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

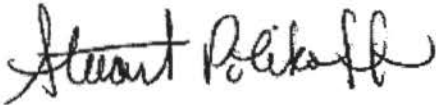
Two copies of this cover letter and the Form 481 filing with the confidential information are also being delivered to Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Stuart Polikoff
Authorized Representative for
South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (2 hardcopies of non-redacted submission)

Mr. Scotty Hart, South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 442143
<015> Study Area Name SOUTH PLAINS TEL
<020> Program Year 2016
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data Karen Keel
<035> Contact Telephone Number: 8067632301 ext. Number of the person identified in data line <030>
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> sptckkeel@sptc.net

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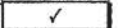
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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(check box when complete)

<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) 0		<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<510> 442143tx510.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Karen Keel
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	8067632301 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	sptckkeel@sptc.net
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

442143tx112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form

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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	sptckkeel@sptc.net

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	sptckkeel@sptc.net

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

442143tx1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | | |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	KAREN KEEI
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	8087832301 ext.
		sptcckeei@sptc.net

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
<2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
<2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
<2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
<2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
<2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
<2019> Interim Progress Certification
<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

442143tx3010.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☒

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- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

(Yes/No)



Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☒
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

442143tx3017.pdf

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

(Yes/No)



If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



**Certification - Reporting Carrier
Data Collection Form**

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Filing Due Date for this form:

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**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Stuart Polikoff</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Stuart Polikoff
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SOUTH PLAINS TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Scotty Hart
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CEO / General Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	8067632301 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	442143 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SOUTH PLAINS TEL
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Stuart Polikoff
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Stuart Polikoff
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Telecommunications Consulting Director
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	5126527730 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	442143 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

1/1/2015

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TX	Acuff		FR	15.65	0.0	0.58	0.0	16.23
TX	Arnett		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Caprock		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Cone		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Cotton Center		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	County Line		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Edmonson		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Fieldton		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Halfway		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Happy Union		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Hollandville		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	McAdoo		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Pettit		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Woodrow		FR	12.15	0.0	0.58	3.5	16.23
TX	Merrell		FR	15.65	0.0	0.58	0.0	16.23
TX	Ransom Canyon		FR	15.65	0.0	0.58	0.0	16.23

(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	TX	ALL	35.0	0.0	35.0	5.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	ALL	40.0	0.0	40.0	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	ALL	45.0	0.0	45.0	15.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Acuff	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Arnett	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Caprock	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cone	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cotton Center	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	County Line	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Edmonson	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Fieldton	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Halfway	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Happy Union	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Hollandville	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	McAdoo	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Merrell	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Pettit	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Woodrow	39.0	0.0	39.0	5.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Acuff	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Arnett	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Caprock	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.

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	TX	Cone	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cotton Center	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	County Line	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Edmonson	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Fieldton	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Halfway	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Happy Union	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Hollandville	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	McAdoo	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Merrell	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Pettit	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Woodrow	44.0	0.0	44.0	10.0	2.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Acuff	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Arnett	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Caprock	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cone	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cotton Center	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	County Line	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Edmonson	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Fieldton	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Halfway	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.

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	TX	Happy Union	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Hollandville	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	McAdoo	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Merrell	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Pettit	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Woodrow	53.0	0.0	53.0	15.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Acuff	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Arnett	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Caprock	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cone	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Cotton Center	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	County Line	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Edmonson	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Fieldton	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Halfway	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Happy Union	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Hollandville	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	McAdoo	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Merrell	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Pettit	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.
	TX	Woodrow	75.0	0.0	75.0	20.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance.

**LINE 112 – FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
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The Cooperative received \$965,357 in Universal Service Fund (“USF”) support during the period January through April 2015. It projects that it will receive \$488,230 in USF support during the period May-June 2015. The Cooperative therefore projects that its total USF support for the first half of 2015 (Jan.-Jun.) will be \$1,453,587.

